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Tree–planting ceremony marks 70th anniversary

Mayor of West Lancs, Cllr. Doreen Stephenson pictured at the tree–planting ceremony with her consort John and local service veterans Code1080421

MAYOR of West Lancashire, Councillor Doreen Stephenson and her consort John were joined by local Royal British Legion veterans and council officers at a special ceremony in Coronation Park, Ormskirk to commemorate the 70th anniversary of VE Day.

The mayor planted two oak trees in the park, alongside the war memorial, to mark the milestone anniversary of the day that the Second World War victory in Europe was announced.

CALL TO TURN QUARRY INTO DIVING CENTRE

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A BUSINESSMAN who has twice been at the scene of tragic incidents at a West Lancs quarry believes the problem of youngsters risking their lives by illegally swimming at the popular spot could be solved by turning it into a properly–supervised diving and watersports centre.

Mike Armitage, who runs diving equipment supplier Northern Diver at the East Quarry in Appley Bridge, was involved in the frantic search for 13–year–old Miracle Godson, who drowned at the site last month.

And he was one of the rescuers who pulled mum–of–three Natalie Prescott from the water when she shattered both her legs after hitting the rocks while jumping into the quarry two years ago.

Although it is on private land, the quarry attracts young people from across Lancashire keen to swim there, particularly during spells of warmer weather – despite repeated warning about the dangers of open–water swimming.

But Mr Armitage believes that the solution is to convert it into a watersports and diving activity centre.

He said: "I went out searching for Miracle and I was also one of the men who went into the water to help Natalie Prescott out after she was injured jumping two years ago.

"I have seen first–hand so many young people using the site to swim because they don't believe that they are doing anything wrong.

"The quarry is 90ft deep at one end and around 20ft deep at the other and to fill it in would be unbelievably expensive and hugely time–consuming.

East Quarry

"Aside from that, it is on a natural water table so it would be very likely to end up as a bog if you tried to stop it from holding water.

"The whole idea to fill it in just wouldn't work. Instead, it would be better to look at solutions to fix the problem.

"I used to run Capernwray Quarry in Carnforth and we had a similar problem there but we turned it into a dive and watersports centre and that fixed it.

"The Ecclestone Delph Quarry near Chorley was the same. Since it has become a well–patrolled, secure dive centre, there have been no accidents.

"Instead of having a policeman patrolling the site to deter trespassers, it would be a better use of the taxpayers' money to hire a lifeguard to keep people safe at the site. If they're going to do it anyway, better to keep them safe."

A spokesman for West Lancashire Borough Council said: "The council was deeply saddened to hear of the recent tragedy at East Quarry and our thoughts remain with family and friends of the teenager who lost his life.

"The council fully supports the water safety campaign recently launched by the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service. This campaign will be

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Constabulary's new recruits sworn in

Some of the new Lancashire Constabulary police recruits who were sworn in last week

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THIRTY–two new police constables have been officially sworn into Lancashire Constabulary.

The new officers were welcomed into the force at an attestation ceremony at the force headquarters in Hutton.

A further 14 were will be attested at on Tuesday, May 19.

The ceremonies form part of a legal progress and the new recruits, who are from all over Lancashire, were presented with their warrant cards during the attestations, allowing them to make arrests.

The PCs will continue with their training for five months. They will then complete a public order training course before entering into the tutor phase, during which they will shadow officers for 10 weeks.

After successfully completing a two–year probationary period, which will include the new recruits passing an additional three development courses, the new PCs will achieve a level 3 diploma in policing. They will graduate in April 2017.

Clive Grunshaw, Lancashire's police and crime commissioner, said: "One of my key priorities is to protect frontline policing in the county, maintaining a 24–hour service across every inch of the county. I am delighted to be able to welcome this latest group to Lancashire Constabulary.

'Phenomenal demand'

"All of our new officers have done exceptionally well to make it through the recruitment process and I wish them the best of luck as they embark on their initial training. They should be very proud of themselves.

"It has been several years since Lancashire Constabulary has been able to open up recruitment externally and the demand the force received from people wanting to join was phenomenal."

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It's Rosie the third!

Red Letter day for returning Labour MP as she bucks the national trend to double her majority in borough

Report by **Henry James**

ROSIE Cooper bucked the national trend by winning a third term as MP for West Lancashire in last Thursday's General Election and almost doubling her majority over the Conservatives.

The Labour candidate gained almost 50 per cent of the total votes cast with 24,474, more than 8,000 ahead of her nearest rival, Paul Greenall's 16,111 total.

Jack Sen, representing the United Kingdom Independence Party, despite being temporarily suspended, polled 6,058 to take a clear third place.

The Liberal Democrats' Daniel Lewis could only manage fifth place with 1,298 votes, behind the Green Party's Ben Basson (1,582), while independent David Braid, standing on a War Veteran's Pro Traditional Family ticket, got 150 votes.

The turnout for the constituency was 70%.

Following the result, which was declared just after 4.15am, Rosie Cooper told the Champion: "This is an absolutely fantastic result for Labour and West Lancashire. We ran a positive campaign and have done a lot of work and we have got much to do in the future.

"We were able to increase my majority because we work hard for the people of West Lancashire. Our message has always been West Lancs, West Lancs, West Lancs and nothing more.

"My goals for the next term include securing a railway station for Skelmersdale and sorting out the town centre. I will be working on the Burscough Curves issue as well.

"I will also be doing what I can to improve transport links to the borough and concessionary travel for pensioners.

"Then there is the broader issue of how democracy will be managed in Lancashire.

"The agenda is huge – but I think the first thing we are going to do is sleep! Everyone has been up for over 24 hours. My team has been brilliant."

In her speech following the official announcement of the result she said: "We have fought our campaign with a spirit of fairness and inclusiveness. My team includes young people, volunteers, and councillors who have walked for miles and miles to deliver our message. I want to applaud you, each and everyone, you have done a brilliant job. Thank you so much.

"I also want to thank my agent, the brilliant Chris Mawdsley. He did an absolutely great job. The real responsibility now is to deliver for the people of West Lancashire and that responsibility lies with us all and especially me.

"I am genuinely humbled by the kindness people have shown to me today. The voters have put their trust in me and I can't let the people down."

Conservative candidate Paul Greenall said: "Firstly, I would like to thank all the council staff who have worked very hard this evening.

"I would also like to thank my opponents in this election in what has been a very honest and fair campaign.

"Finally, I would like to also thank my helpers who have been with me over the last few months and have been out door–knocking, licking stamps and all those things that elections are based on."

Speaking to the Champion, he added: "No one likes to lose. We had a short campaign in West Lancashire, I was only in post for five months or so, so 16,000 votes isn't a bad result. I am quite pleased with that result, it was always going to be a hard battle but we gave it our best and that is all you can do.

"We tried to get round as much of West Lancashire as we could. The result is better than I expected, I expected maybe 13,000 or 14,000 votes, so I am quite pleased to get 16,000."

Following the result Jack Sen, who did not attend the count, tweeted: "Want to sincerely thank the people that voted for me in spite of my suspension.

"Although my entire constituency knew I was suspended I got one of UKIP's best results in Britain! 6000–plus people voting for me, a suspended candidate."

Newly re–elected Labour MP for West Lancashire Rosie Cooper

Result

Rosie Cooper (Labour) 24,474 (49.15%)
Paul Greenall (Conservative) 16,114 (32.36%)
Jack Sen (UKIP) 6.058 (12.17%)
Ben Basson(Green) 1,582 (3.18%)
Daniel Lewis(Liberal Democrat) 1,298 (2.16%)
David Braid(Independent) 150 (0.3%)

"I am genuinely humbled by the kindness people have shown to me today. The voters have put their trust in me and I can't let the people down" – Rosie Cooper

And Labour group takes control of council too

LABOUR won 11 of the 18 West Lancs Council seats contested last Thursday (May 7) to wrest overall control.

The Labour group now has 30 councillors to the Conservatives' 23, with Our West Lancashire having one.

A spokesman for the West Lancs Borough Council said: "The council is now Labour–controlled and the new mayor and council leader will be elected at the council's annual meeting on Wednesday, May 20.

"The new leader will announce the cabinet members he or she has appointed at that meeting, together with details of their portfolios."

Councillor Roger Bell, leader of West Lancashire Labour group, said: "We are absolutely delighted by the local result, we were one of only three Labour groups nationally to take over their council.

"We have a fantastic MP, Rosie Cooper, and a great group who spent a lot of time out canvassing.

"Obviously, we are horrified by the national result but there's nothing that we can do about that."

• **Full West Lancs Council election results round–up and Conservative reaction on Page 5.**

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Trust holds nurse recruitment events

THE Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust is to hold two recruitment events for nurses to find out more about working for the trust.

The first will be held at the clinical education centre at Southport Hospital on Tuesday, May 19 from 4 to 8pm.

This is a chance for both newly–qualified and experienced nurses to go along and meet other nurses and team members at the trust and discover what opportunities are available.

Nurses looking to return to practice will also be warmly welcomed. There are vacancies available in all areas.

On the day, the trust will also BE holding informal interviews and potential candidates are asked to bring along some identification. There will also be a chance for tours around the hospital and representatives will be on hand from nurse education to explain how the trust supports nurses in their career development.

The second event will be held at Ormskirk Hospital's education centre on Wednesday, June 10, again from 4 to 8pm.

To view all current vacancies at the trust visit www.jobs.nhs.uk.

UKIP candidate in threat to sue party

By Danielle Thompson

UKIP parliamentary candidate for West Lancashire in last week's General Election, Jack Sen, is threatening to sue the party after he claims they rendered his campaign a "sham" by suspending him just a week before the May 7 poll.

Mr Sen was suspended by the party after an alleged 'racist' tweet was sent to a Liverpool Labour candidate from one of his four social media accounts on April 30.

The comment caused UKIP chiefs to immediately suspend him although he claimed the post was written by one of a team of helpers delegated to tweet on his behalf.

And he believes the suspension cost him votes from West Lancashire residents who were unsure if a vote for him would be accepted.

Mr Sen, who received death threats earlier in the campaign, eventually finished third in the poll with 6,058 votes, behind Labour's

Jack Sen

Rosie Cooper (24,474) and Conservative candidate Paul Greenall (16,114).

But he believes he could have earned more votes if UKIP had not suspended him. And he said that unless the party apologised he would resign and sue them for the cost of his campaign.

He said: "I am going to be suing UKIP and I no longer have any desire to work with the party. I will be resigning from the party very publicly if they don't formally apologise for their actions.

"I suppose I should feel good about reaching the national average, procuring more votes than MEPs Paul Nuttall and Steven Woolfe, in spite of the fact that many people in the constituency thought that because I was suspended a vote for me might be a wasted vote.

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"I received scores of emails and messages from disgruntled supporters wondering what was happening. Several were irate, thinking their postal votes had been wasted on a suspended candidate.

"It hurts to think how I may have done. I feel betrayed as I put my heart and soul into the campaign.

"I certainly would not have won but I am sure that I would have had an even better showing if people knew a vote for me was not a wasted one."

When contacted by the Champion a spokesman for UKIP declined to comment.

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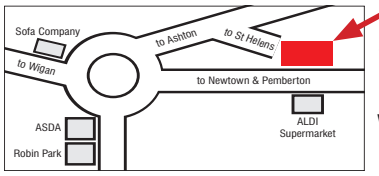

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Tory leader vows: "We will bounce back next year"

He says Labour benefited from Conservative vote being squeezed by minor parties

By **Danielle Thompson**

THE leader of the Conservative group on West Lancashire Council group has vowed to "bounce back" next year after the Labour party took overall control of the local authority following the elections on Thursday (May 7).

The Labour group won 11 of the 18 West Lancs Council seats contested and now has 30 councillors to the Conservatives' 23, with Our West Lancashire having one.

Tory leader Councillor David Westley said: "The euphoria I felt with the election of a Conservative government was in sharp contrasted with the desperate disappointment of Labour gaining control of the borough council and the probable consequences for the wellbeing of the residents of West Lancashire.

Councillor David Westley

"Labour relied on Rosie Cooper's very professional and public–funded publicity machine and fought on national rather than local issues. Labour failed to increase their share of the vote but benefited from the Conservative vote being squeezed by the minor parties.

"In the key wards of Scott, Derby, Knowsley and Bickerstaffe the Conservatives managed to restrict the UKIP vote but it was the added pressure from Adrian Owens' Our West Lancashire that tipped the balance in favour of Labour.

"As I said in our main election leaflet, the real choice was between Labour and the Conservatives and a vote for any of the minor parties was a vote for Labour.

"Elsewhere in the borough the Conservatives performed really well with seven successful candidates being returned with good majorities.

"Obviously there are lessons to be learnt but we will bounce back and vigorously contest next year's election."

Council election results

THE full results of the elections for West Lancashire Borough Council last Thursday (May 7) were as follows:

Ashurst
Liz Savage (Labour) 2,211 votes
Barry Critchley (UKIP) 472
George Ernest Pratt (Conservative) 391

Aughton and Downholland
David Westley (Con) 1,554
Charles Wilson Gains (Lab) 1,071
Jim Bevan (UKIP) 497
Hannah James (Green) 229

Aughton Park
Marilyn May Westley (Con) 1,116
Paul Hennessy (Lab) 818
David Gallagher (UKIP) 373

Bickerstaff
Paul Cotterill (Lab) 511
David Jonathan Griffiths (Con) 458
Ken Tyms (UKIP) 150
Gordon Paul Johnson (Our West Lancashire) 115

Birch Green
Frank McKenna (Lab) 1,255
Damon Noone (UKIP) 272
David John Meadows (Con) 135

Derby
Phil Hudson (Lab) 1,177
Edward James McCarthy (Con) 1,055
Ian Davis (Our West Lancashire) 460
Heather Doyle (Green) 323
Ray Brookfield (UKIP) 302

Digmoor:
Chris Wynn (Lab) 1,512
Richard Henry Shepherd (Con) 151
William Ross Hite (Green) 148

Knowsley
Nikki Hennessy (Lab) 1,512
Robert Murrin Bailey (Con) 1,125 votes
Tony Green (UKIP) 316
Gaynor Anne Pickering (Green) 188
Peter John Banks (Our West Lancashire) 186

North Meols
Tom Blane (Con) 1,026
Andrew Pritchard (Lab) 586
Richard Smith (UKIP) 420

Parbold
May Dorothy Blake (Con) 1,412
Clare Gillard (Lab) 761
Jai James Brierley (Green) 162

Scarisbrick
Charles Robert Eric Marshall (Con) 1,190
Margaret Rosalind Blake (Lab) 525
David Massam (UKIP) 345
John William Heddle Watt (Green) 100

Scott
John Edwin Hodson (Lab) 1,189
William John Weingart (Con) 732
Jane Thompson (Our West Lancashire) 578
Tom Shannon (UKIP) 298
Maurice Henry George (Green) 212

Skelmersdale North
Jennifer Patterson (Lab) 1,623
Susan Ingrid Janvier (Con) 293

Skelmersdale South
Nicola Pryce–Roberts (Lab) 2,240
Jennifer Ann Mayer (Con) 451
Gerry Latham (Our West Lancashire) 243
Martin John Lowe (Green) 207

Tanhouse
Maureen Nixon (Lab) 1,644
Amanda Shaw (Con) 316

Tarleton
James Joshua Kay (Con) 1,738
Neil Ronald Pye (Lab) 544
Barry Gannaway–Jones (UKIP) 482
Jim Doran (Independent) 422

Up Holland
John Bullock (Lab) 1,743
Ruth Pollock (Con) 1,020
John Stewart Simpson Stewart (UKIP) 661

Wrightington
Pamela Baybutt (Con) 1,334
Julie Hotchkiss (Green) 744
Sophia Hennessy (Lab) 335

Call to turn quarry into diving centre

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promoted through the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership and other networks.

"East Quarry is owned by a private company and the security of the site and safety of people entering it, including those trespassing, is a matter for the owners."

Mainspring Limited, who own the site, declined to comment on Mr Armitage's comments but stated that they had no plans to turn the quarry into a diving centre.

Stephen Abbot Associates, who have outline planning permission to build 'floating houses' on the quarry, also declined to comment on the suggestions.

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University teams up with Liverpool theatres

Edge Hill students visit the Everyman. Credit: Wesley Storey

PERFORMING Arts students at Edge Hill will have access to a host of theatre industry opportunities after the Ormskirk university launched a new partnership with Liverpool's Everyman & Playhouse theatres.

The partnership will involve student placements and internships across the full spectrum of theatrical disciplines, access to masterclasses hosted by industry professionals – at the theatres or at Edge Hill – discounted tickets for at least three shows a year, field trip visits to the theatres and applied/educational theatre projects.

The Everyman theatre will also play host to the Exclaim! best of student work showcase in June.

David Peimer, head of performing arts at Edge Hill, said: "We are delighted to have a partnership with the world–renowned Everyman & Playhouse and to be presenting our student showcase in the national award–winning new Everyman building.

"This relationship will really enhance our students' experience, employability ethos and enable them to interact with industry professionals.

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The partnerships include developing new audiences and giving universities and their students greater access to the theatres' work, widening links to the community and professional development through theatre skills.

Everyman & Playhouse education manager, Emma Whitley, said: "We are delighted to have forged a partnership with the university, specifically the thriving performing arts department and very much look forward to welcoming their students and staff over the coming years."

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Fracking firm respond to claims they failed to protect birds

CUADRILLA have responded to claims that they had failed to protect wintering birds from being shot while feeding in a field provided for them by the fracking company.

The Champion reported last week (May 6) that anti–fracking campaign group Ribble Estuary Against Fracking were seeking legal advice about appealing planning permission granted for three more years of pressure testing in Banks, after it was revealed that a private shooting club had been legally shooting birds in the field that Cuadrilla had set aside for wintering birds.

A spokesperson for Cuadrilla contacted the Champion to say that shooting had been allowed on the site as the agreement with the farmer who they leased the land from did not address shooting because the landowner was using guns to deal with a vermin problem on the site meaning that there was no conflict with the gun club's shooting permit.

However, the company said that this has been addressed in the current agreement and that shooting will not be allowed on the site this year.

The spokesperson said: "The shooting of wintering birds on the Fylde is an approved practice which long pre–dates and is wholly unconnected with Cuadrilla's operations. For the winter of 2013/2014 Cuadrilla provided 'set aside' land for wintering birds to offset the land taken by its exploration drilling site at Becconsall in Lancashire.

"Drilling of a well had taken place on the Becconsall site in 2011 and while there was no operational activity on the Cuadrilla site in the winter of 2013/14, the independent ecology report recommended that land be set aside and that no shooting take place on that land.

"Cuadrilla entered into agreements with landowners to provide the recommended 'set aside' land but the agreement with the landowner did not address the landowner's right to permit shooting.

"This was because at that time the farmer had a vermin control problem which required him permission to shoot on that land in order to control the infestation."

Public consulted on plans for new CCTV cameras

THE public are being invited to give their views in plans for a proposed new CCTV camera on Burscough Street in Ormskirk.

West Lancs Council is seeking residents' opinions on three new cameras planned for across the borough, taking the total number operated by the council in the area to 105.

Locations have been suggested for one extra camera in Ormskirk and two in Skelmersdale, in Tanfields and Castlehey.

A residents' group suggested a camera could be set up on the corner of Burscough Street and Station Road to monitor anti–social behaviour and criminal damage.

The public consultation began on Monday (May 11) and runs until Monday, June 1.

Council cameras are monitored 24/7 and play a vital role in helping prevent crime and disorder and increase public safety. During 2013/14 CCTV operators referred 384 incidents to the police resulting in 187 arrests.

David Tilleray, chairman of West Lancs Community Safety Partnership, said: "We're keen to hear the views of local people and community groups and I urge people to look at the proposals and tell us what you think."

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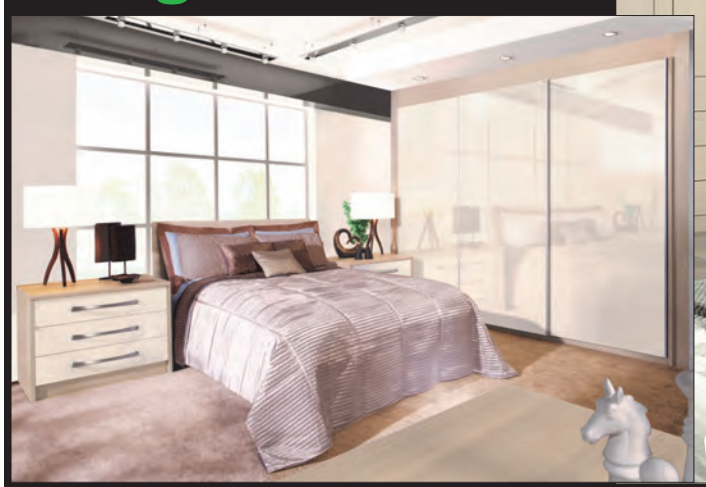

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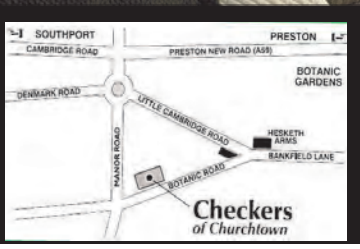

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Students sign up to Dementia Friends

STUDENTS from West Lancashire College have signed up to become Dementia Friends at a session held in Aughton.

Five horticulture students and staff from the college, along with Champion reporter Danielle Thompson, attended the hour–long session run by local Dementia Champion Joe Sherville at the Hillcroft care and dementia home in Long Lane.

The students are currently creating an interactive garden featuring a fake–beach and outdoor seating for Horizon, the dementia wing at Hillcroft.

Run by the Alzheimer's Society charity, Dementia Friends is an initiative to change people's perceptions of dementia. It aims to transform the way the nation thinks, talks and acts about the condition.

The charity aims to recruit a million Dementia Friends with the know–how to help people with dementia feel understood and included in their community. Dementia Friends Champions are volunteers who talk to people about being a Dementia Friend in their communities.

Joe Sherville spoke about the physical, emotional and social implications of dementia and the fear of being stigmatised if you have the condition. He also spoke about what memory loss means for those living with dementia in their day–to–day life – how their living environment needs to be adapted and how money or appliances may be different to what they are expecting.

And he explained that memory loss becomes more severe the longer the person has been living with the condition.

West Lancashire College staff and students and Champion reporter Danielle Thompson point to their Dementia Friends pins, with Dementia Champion Joe Sherville (far right)

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Hillcroft residents and their families dressed up as land girls or in 1940s–style clothing to celebrate the 70th anniversary of VE Day

Care home residents don 1940s garb to mark 70th anniversary of VE Day

RESIDENTS and staff at the Hillcroft Residential Care Home held a special event to commemorate the 70th anniversary of VE Day.

The home in Long Lane, Aughton encouraged residents to dress up as Land Girls or in other clothes from the time with entertainment provided by a local singer singing wartime favourites.

Events organiser, Lesley Malone, said: "We had a lovely afternoon with singer Sophie Bennett singing all old–time favourites by Vera Lynn, Doris Day and Judy Garland.

"The residents dressed as land girls, wearing headscarfs and rollers, and the men wore flat caps and straw boaters. Families members also got into the spirit of things by dressing up too.

"There was a buffet and wine after the entertainment and our residents and their families enjoyed an afternoon reminiscing."

Anyone for tennis?

AUGHTON Lawn Tennis Club is staging a free open day on Saturday (May 16) as part of the Lawn Tennis Association's Great British Tennis Weekend.

The club is inviting anyone who fancies taking up the sport to try out their racquet skills from 10am to 2pm with the chance to win a year's free membership at the Granville Park club in their Big Racquet Challenge.

Committee member, Brian Dean, said: "Whether you used to play, your child is a young prodigy or you've never stepped foot on a court but always wanted to, our open day is a great opportunity to get a feel for this wonderful sport."

Club coach Tom Bamber will be on hand to help newcomers and there will also be refreshments and games during the afternoon.

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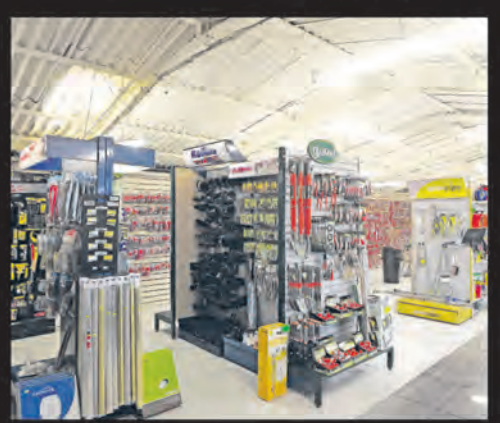
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Author's a hit with online readers

A LOCAL historian–turned–author is proving a hit with an online bookseller.

The Kindle version of retired Edge Hill academic Dr Murray Steele's second book, 'A Good Day Out: English Exhibitions in the Golden Jubilee Era' has taken the No. 1 one spot on Amazon's Social History genre list.

Both this and his debut, 'Liverpool on Display: The International and Jubilee Exhibitions, 1886 and 1887', released in in 2012, reflect his interest in that phenomena of the Victorian age, the industrial exhibition.

In recent years this topic has attracted the increasing attention of scholars and those interested in the history of the Victorian period.

Dr Steele's interest developed from an article written on the transmission of ideas about Empire in Liverpool up to the Second World War during which he came across these relatively unknown exhibitions and found that very little had been written about them.

This was a challenge which he eagerly took on for five years.

The books probe underneath the surface of these gigantic spectacles to examine how they functioned as business enterprises, as well as to investigate their purpose, what was on offer to the public and their overall effect on those who paid their admission charges to see what was on display.

Dr Murray Steele

Meanwhile, Dr Steele's other passion is classical music and he is treasurer of the Ormskirk Occasional Singers.

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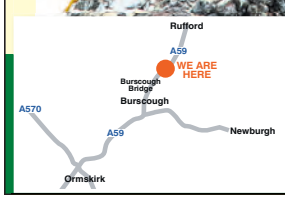

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Why should blue badge holders not have to pay for parking like everyone else?

I WRITE in response to the the letter in the Champion from James Riley (May 6) regarding the 'pay–and–reclaim' parking scheme at Ormskirk Hospital and the protracted procedure that blue badge holders have to go through to reclaim the parking fee.

Well, I have a question for James Riley. Why should you get your money refunded? You are disabled not destitute!

It's actually the rest of us that you proclaim are being 'ripped off' because we can't claim back the parking fee, we just pay it because we have to.

Maybe Mr Riley could explain to me why blue badge holders should not have to pay for parking anywhere?

I don't have any issues whatsoever with the blue badge scheme or disabled bays. Indeed I am one of the majority of people who honour without question the facility in any car park and would never dream of using one even 'just for a minute while I pop into the shop' – an excuse we hear all–too often from the lazy inconsiderate people.

But I'm afraid I don't understand why blue badge holders don't have to pay in car parks. These days if you can afford £6 for a gallon of fuel, £200 annual road tax and £300 a year insurance, as well as running costs, tyres, exhaust, MOT, etc., etc., you can afford to pay £2 to £4 for parking.

Many able–bodied folk struggle to keep a car on the road and if they can't find the £3 to park they get fined £60!

It does appear unfair to see a Jaguar or new Mercedes, for example (quite possibly bought through the incredible Motorbility scheme) parked in a disabled bay without paying, when three feet away, someone who could only dream of a car like that has to pay £3.

I would say again, blue badge holders are disabled not destitute. Could someone please explain how 'free parking' can be justified?

Sam Bailey,
by email

Hospital TV charge is a rip–off for patients

WITH reference to the letter in the Champion (April 29) car parking isn't the only rip–off at Ormskirk Hospital, patient television is as bad if not worse.

To pay for the TV patients pay money in, either by credit card or cash. But as soon as the money is put in the clock starts ticking, even though the TV isn't being watched!

We topped up the account by £15 but when the patient wanted to watch the TV, the account was at zero. On enquiring, we were told that even though the TV was turned off and no programmes watched, the money had run out.

I wonder if the grossly overpaid hospital managers are aware of this daylight robbery?

A furious hospital visitor, by email

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Poll position

Deyes High School's mock 'election' returning officer declares Lib–Dem candidate, year 10 student Jason Northaid, as winner of the first round in last week's poll.

Looking on is Labour candidate Owen Copeland whose party went on to win with an overall majority across the school.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

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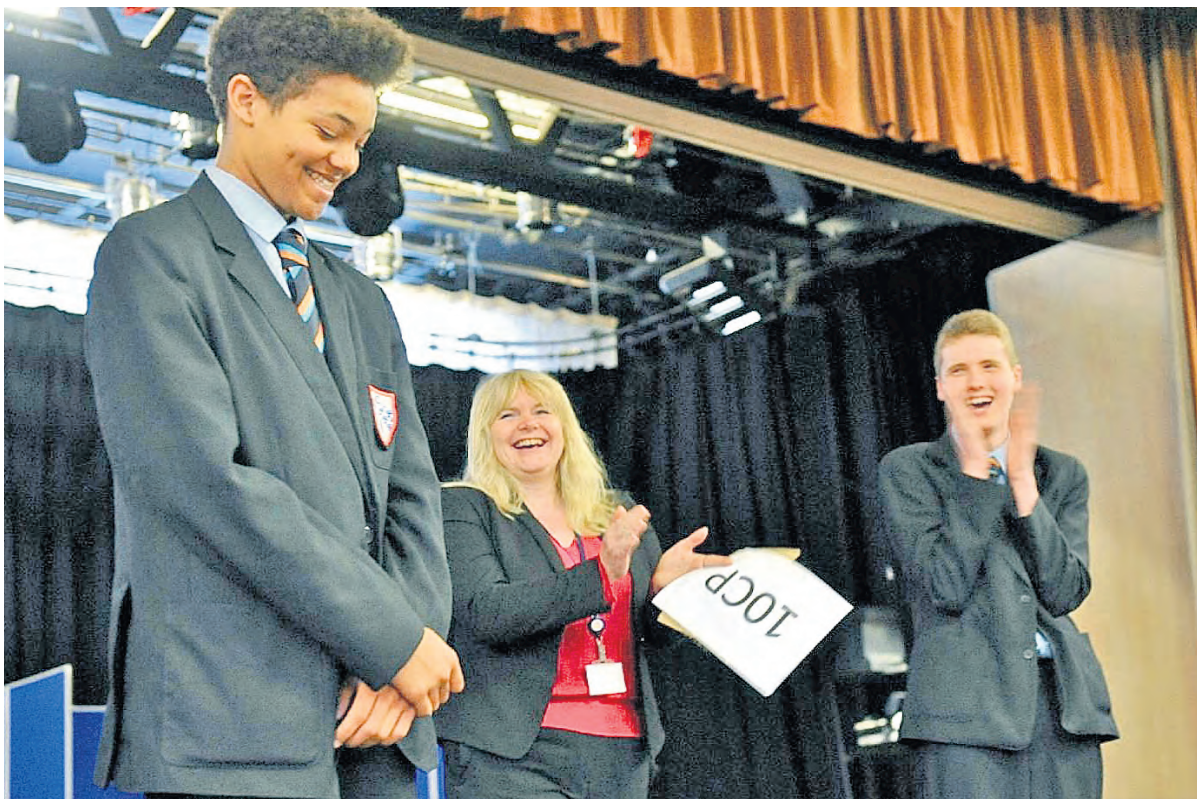

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Voting system will destroy Union

THANKS to our out–dated first–past–the–post electoral system, the General Election result did not reflect how people voted.

The Conservatives took absolute power with only 37% of the vote, the Liberal Democrats had only eight seats to show for 8% of the vote when they should have had 50, while the UKIP outpolled the LibDems with 12.6% of the vote, but ended up with just one seat instead of the 80 their support merited.

But even these undemocratic results pale into insignificance compared with what our antiquated voting system delivered north of the border. The Scottish Nationalists took 95% of the Scottish seats with just 50% of the Scottish vote, thereby giving them a wholly disproportionate and undeserved representation in the UK Parliament and creating an impression that support for independence in Scotland is a lot stronger than it actually is.

As a result, the Scottish question will dominate this Parliament, even though Scotland's entire electorate represents just 8% of the UK total.

This has happened before in our history, 130 years ago, when Ireland was still part of the UK. In the 1885 General Election, thanks to first–past–the–post, Charles Parnell's Irish Parliamentary Party eliminated Unionism in the South of Ireland with just 68% of the Irish vote. Nothing could be done in Westminster afterwards without taking Mr. Parnell and his 85 MPs into account.

Clearly, our knackered voting system will destroy our union with Scotland in pretty much the same way it destroyed our union with Ireland.

Ironically, the Irish abandoned first–past–the–post on independence in favour of proportional representation – the single transferable vote in multi–member constituencies. It's high time we followed the Irish example and adopted STV.

David Green, by email

Traffic wardens could help fight dog mess scourge

HAVING visited Australia on quite a few occasions, you can't help but be impressed how they prevent the problem of dog–fouling on pavements. You very rarely see dog muck on roads or pavements there.

They have a system which should be used here using dog wardens or rangers as they're called in Oz .

The purpose of these rangers is, if they see anybody walking a dog they are asked there and then if they have their 'poop bag' with them. If not, there is an on–the–spot fine.

I must point out also that around the parks the 'poop bags' are provided and also 'poop bins', so there's no excuse NOT to have one with them.

As regards the cost of this I would suggest that traffic wardens could be used for the purpose. I'm sure they could manage it in between booking motorists!

Mrs Maureen Dutton, by email

Financial help available for those in hardship

AS a charity working to support people in financial hardship, we welcome the new report by Academics Stand Against Poverty as it keeps public attention on the real practical issue of poverty.

A huge 83% of low–income households told us they've seen no sign of their finances improving in the last year, with many struggling to put food on the table for their families or ending up increasingly in debt.

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Rotary clubs' grand effort for Nepal earthquake appeal

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

LOCAL rotary club members have raised more than £1,000 for the victims of the Nepal earthquake with a collection in Ormskirk town centre.

The devastating quake, the worst to strike the area for more than 80 years, has left more than 7,000 people dead and towns and villages destroyed.

Jo Hooker from the Rotary Club of Ormskirk Clocktower said: "Along with colleagues from Maghull and Aughton Rotary we collected money in the town centre for the Nepal Earthquake appeal. A total of £1,144 was raised, which will help support the relief effort for the many thousands of people who have been affected by this disaster.

"This great result is another example of the community coming together for a worthy cause and the Rotary Club of Ormskirk Clocktower would like to thank the people of the town for their generosity.

"As part of world–wide Rotary International, in addition to fundraising activities for causes at home and abroad, the club supports and works in partnership with a wide rang of local charity and community initiatives, where members – both men and women – volunteer their time and skills."

Football clubs back talent quest

PREMIER League football clubs Liverpool and Everton have both pledged financial backing and raffles prizes for the annual Aughton's Got Talent event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

One of the organisers, David Gallagher, has a very special reason for wanting to help the cancer charity after his 50–year–old cousin, Linda, died last November after a long and brave battle against the dreaded disease.

The aim is to raise a minumum of £2,000.

David said: "We would be extremely grateful if local businesses could donate raffle prizes or money in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. Aughton's Got Talent is bigger than ever this year and we are looking to attract major sponsorship.

"As well as sponsoring us, Everton FC are offering the winner a tour of Goodison Park for four people, while Liverpool have offered us a signed photograph of England international Jordan Henderson and a certificate of authenticity to go with it.

"This year's successful contestants will receive gold, silver and bronze medals as always, but there will also be an Aughton's Got Talent Cup to be won by public vote.

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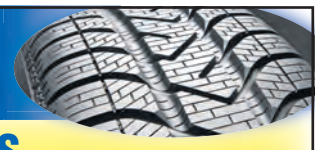

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Slimmers raise £500 for hospice

Report by **Henry James**

LOCAL slimmers swapped shedding lbs for raising £s for charity when they took part in a national initiative aimed at showing that you don't need to feel hungry or deprived while seeking to achieve a trimmer figure.

Members of Slimming World clubs in West Lancashire took part in the fundraising food festival organised by the group across the country.

People were also invited to bring in unwanted gifts to raffle and make donations towards the hot and cold drinks that are offered in the groups each week, with all the money raised – more than £500 in total – going to the Queenscourt hospice.

Based in Town Lane, Southport, the hospice is a local charity that provides support for the people of Southport, Formby and West Lancs, enabling patients with serious illnesses to achieve the best possible quality of life at each new stage, both on site and at home.

Slimmers from the groups hosted the gastronomical event as part of their weekly weight–loss session. They each took along a dish that could be enjoyed without counting, weighing or measuring when following the club's Food Optimising healthy eating plan.

Team developer, Tina Whewell, said: "Every week in our groups we swap recipes and food ideas and we wanted to celebrate this in a big way, as many people believe you have to go hungry to lose weight. We also thought it would be a great opportunity to raise money for a good cause."

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Money talks... for good causes

A SERIES of local history talks have raised more than £1,600 for good causes – thanks to the generosity of West Lancs residents.

Paul Kenyon, local historian and chairman of Lathom Park Trust, thanked people who attended the talks for their donations.

These have been put towards the refurbishment fund for Westhead Lathom St James' Church, while a £185 donation has been made to the Nepal Distaster Fund to help victims of the recent earthquake.

Paul, whose most recent talk on Edward Lear at Knowsley and Lathom was followed by a talk by fellow local historian Jean Dutton, said: "It's brilliant that so many people attend our talks and are so generous."

Other talks given by Paul include 'Lathom After The Stanleys', about how the Earl of Derby left Lathom in the 1700s, to the Ormskirk Royal Air Force Association; and one to Ormskirk Golf Club members on 'Lathom from the Iron Age to the 1700s' about the former New Park, a medieval hunting park created by the Earls of Derby and now the site of the golf club.

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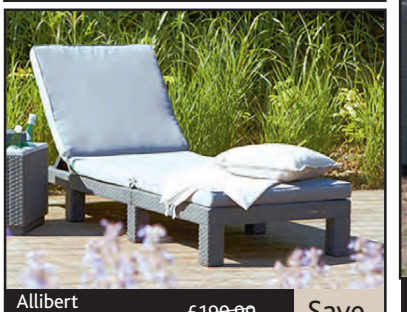

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Honey cooks up fundraising scheme

AN enterprising youngster cooked up a scheme to raise funds for her school by using her culinary skills.

Ten year old Honey Al–ramadhen recruited friends Lauren, Varsha, Ellena and Holly to help her stage a two–day bake sale at St Anne's Catholic Primary School in Ormskirk.

The money raised, around £25, will go towards buying additional sports equipment for the school in Aughton Street.

Honey Al–ramadhen (centre) and her friends held a bake sale in aid of St Anne's Catholic Primary School

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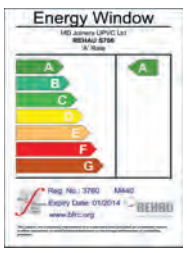

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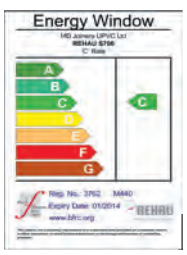

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Former sports stars back stroke campaign

Ormskirk wellbeing centre to host pulse workshop

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Jeanette Lunt, assistant regional manager for the Stroke Association, said: "Palpitations, breathlessness, chest pain or fatigue are common symptoms of atrial fibrillation, a type of irregular heartbeat. We can get an indication of whether we have the condition by taking our pulses.

"Someone in the UK has a stroke every three and a half minutes, we need to do everything we can to change that."

The 'Know Your Pulse' campaign is being backed by two former sportsmen, ex–England Rugby Union captain Bill Beaumont and George Ross, who appeared for Preston North End in the 1964 FA Cup Final.

Run by the North West Coast Academic Health Science Network (NWC AHSN) and supported by the Atrial Fibrillation Association, local charity Heartbeat and the Stroke Association, it aims to raise awareness of atrial fibrillation or AF, which causes irregular heartbeats and is a major cause of strokes.

Also backing the initative are the Strategic Clinical Network (NHS), the Lancashire Pharmacy Network, Lancashire Council, Age UK and Healthwatch.

Bill Beaumont, who had an irregular heartbeat identified during a check–up 10 years ago, said: "Ignorance is not an excuse. AF can be managed with medication and you can live a long life. If you don't do anything there could be horrific consequences.

Bill Beaumont gets his pulse tested by Julia Reynolds from NWC AHSN

"I would not have had a check–up, if it hadn't been picked up when I was having a routine operation."

George Ross said he was delighted to support the campaign and added: "People don't want to hear bad news but you have to take that first step and the sooner you know, the sooner you can do something about it."

Dr Liz Mear, chief executive of the NWC AHSN, which is sponsoring the events, said: "We believe from statistical estimates that about 31,000 people (aged 55 and over) in the Lancashire area will have AF, with around 7,500 year unaware of it. This is an easily detectable and treatable condition and the first step is a pulse test."

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Skelmersdale Prize Band

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David, who is moving on to an exciting new stage in his career in Mexico, again helped the band to produce an excellent performance as they deservedly claimed the third–place trophy at the prestigious event.

After many weeks of preparation, the band gave a pleasing performance of Edward Gregson's Variations on Laudate Dominum, an uplifting and inspiring piece based around the popular hymn tune.

Adjudicated by John Doyle, the band earned a set of comments to be proud of, alongside the all–important trophy, giving them much to build on in the coming months, as well as rewarding the hard work put in by all members.

The band are now looking forward to an exciting summer of engagements including the Whit Friday marches on May 29, an afternoon in Southport's Botanic Gardens on Sunday, May 31 and the National Finals in Cheltenham in September.

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Open day raises £1,200 for animal sanctuary

A FARMYARD–themed open day has raised more than £1,200 for an animal sanctuary.

Visitors to the Woodlands Animal Sanctuary's Fantastic Farmyard event were invited to view all the animals cared for at their base in Sandy Lane, Holmeswood.

Zoe Baker from the Sanctuary said: "At our special Fantastic Farmyard open day people were able to come and view the wide variety of animals that we help here – including Bert and Ernie, our friendly pigmy goats and our beautiful donkeys, Dolly and Beanie – while raising much needed funds for the sanctuary.

"The sanctuary, which is solely funded by donations, is running on dwindling reserves so this was a much–needed boost with a grand total of £1,279 raised.

"We would like to thank everyone who attended to help make it such a success."

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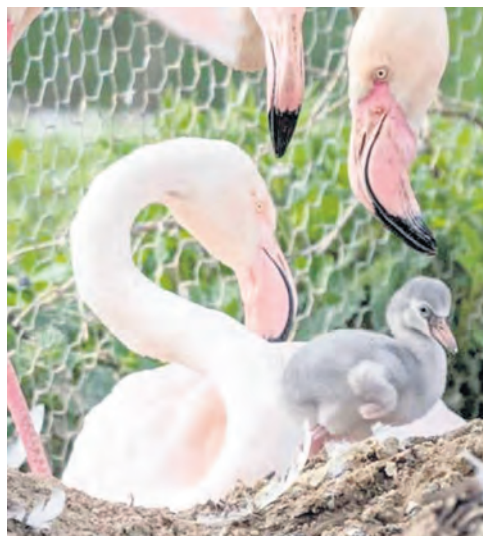

The flamingo chick born recently at Martin Mere

STAFF at Martin Mere are celebrating the early arrival of the latest addition to the ranks of the wetland centre's greater flamingos.

The chick hatched at the end of last month (April 28) – the earliest at the centre for at least 10 years

Manager at the Burscough centre, Nick Brooks, said: "The younger, less experienced flamingos nested early this year with the warmer weather but this is the only chick that has successfully hatched.

"The older breeding pairs are also sitting on eggs and these are due to hatch at the normal time in late May for our Downy Duckling Week."

The chick's parents are four and five years old respectively, having also been born at Martin Mere in 2009 and 2010.

Nick Brooks added: "This is the first time these younger flamingos have nested and it's great to see the juveniles becoming adults, securing the next generation of our breeding birds.

"Our adult flamingos are actually as old as Martin Mere as they came from WWT Slimbridge 40 years ago. That they still continue to breed is credit to our team of aviculturists and the care they show.

"Flamingos are very social birds which need to be kept together in a large group in order for them to be happy.

"At Martin Mere there are currently 57 greater flamingos and they choose the same partners every year.

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Where have all the pub teams gone?

Sunday league officials launch appeal for new recruits from local watering holes

Report by **Tom Martin**

ORGANISERS of an amateur football league have kick–started an appeal to help find more pub teams in the area.

The Ormskirk and District Sunday Football League is short on sides made up of players from the local boozer, which organisers believe goes against the tradition of amateur football.

Over the last decade, a vast majority of pub sides from this league have come from Ormskirk as well as surrounding areas such as Maghull, Lydiate, Crosby, Netherton and Kirkby.

Some of the previous title holders include The Alt, The Everest, Hare and Hounds, Harrock, The Mogul Coach and Horses, Mariners, Greyhound, The Cockbeck and Eden Vale.

But there has been a decline in the number of pub teams joining the league in recent years and currently there are only three in total coming from the Crosby, Magull and Ormskirk areas.

The only area which seems to be bucking the trend is Kirkby, which still has a healthy number of sides within the league.

League secretary, Chris Bull, said: "Kirkby is the one area where the pubs seem to still support local football. I'm pretty sure every pub there has a team, some two.

"For some reason this no longer seems to be the case in Ormskirk, Maghull, Lydiate and the other areas where we traditionally had teams playing in the league.

"We'd like that to change and encourage teams to form, re–form or, in some cases, return to the league."

And although pub teams sometimes have a negative reputation when it comes to discipline on the pitch, this has been rubbished by organisers as a possible reason for the decline in numbers.

Chris added: "This year has seen the lowest number of cautions and red cards for many years and this number has been on a steady decline for the last five years.

"Granted, there have been some issues with certain clubs, but they are no longer with the league and discipline is good – indeed at a recent league meeting club secretaries asked for referees to be even tougher with players!"

Another possible reason debated by league organisers is a poor standard of football putting off the introduction of new teams.

But this too has been dismissed, with league chairman Eddie Pope claiming players perform to a high standard on a weekly basis.

He added: "The top teams of our league consist of players that play to a good standard on Saturday so that's not an issue.

"Our second division though also caters for teams just looking for a competitive game of football of a Sunday morning."

Teams interested in joining the league can contact Chris Bull by emailing chrissybull6@gmail.com or Eddie Pope on eddiegpope@hotmail.com.

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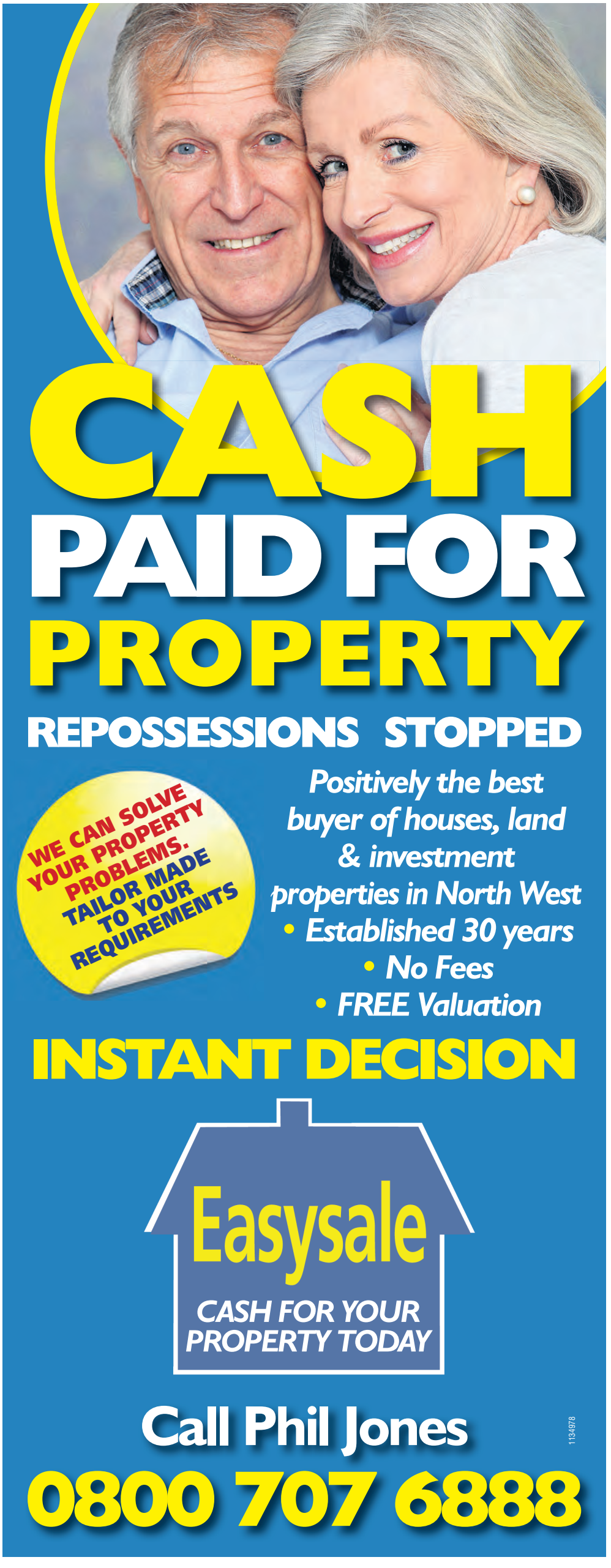

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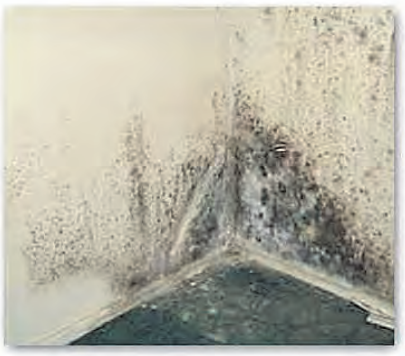

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New care services directory published

A NEW directory has been published offering information on how to access care services in Lancashire.

This follows the new Health and Social Care Act which came into force on April 1, calling for major improvements to the quality of, and access to, public information about choosing care.

The new publication and website give information on all aspects of arranging care and support in Lancashire, including how to stay independent for as long as possible, what to look for when choosing a care provider and what services are available.

It also provides guidance on paying for care and what financial assistance is available from the local authority.

There are comprehensive listings of all registered care services in Lancashire plus check lists to help assess the suitability of a care provider.

The new directory will be available throughout the region from outlets including carers centres, hospitals, Age UK and the Alzheimer's Society.

It can be downloaded from www.carechoices.co.uk and is also available with a spoken word option. Further help and information can be accessed via the directory's free telephone helpline on 0800 389 2077.

Winners with the Champ

THE five winners of our Lord of the Dance Competition for a pair of tickets to the show at the Liverpool Empire were: Frank Burns of Ainsdale; Janet Powell of Southport; Marion Connelly of Burscough; Kevin Gannon of Crosby; and Lee Forshaw of Skelmersdale.

The winner of our competition for a pair of tickets to see Twopence to Cross The Mersey at the Southport Theatre and a meal at the Ramada Hotel was Suzanne Errity of Blundellsands.

Where there's a will...

Report by **Henry James**

Local solicitors do their bit for charity

LEGAL eagles in West Lancashire made a valuable contribution to the latest Will Aid initiative in aid of charity.

The scheme, which runs each November, is designed to encourage people to protect their families by ensuring they have a properly–drafted will.

Instead of charging their normal fee, participating solicitors encourage clients to make a donation to Will Aid which supports charities providing vital funds to help people to build their communities and improve their future in the UK and around the world.

Nationwide, the last campaign raised nearly £1.75m and helped more than 23,000 people to make their will.

Local solicitors who took part in Will Aid in West Lancashire include Michael Prendergast of Ormskirk's Dickinson Parker Hill Solicitors and Sarah Bellringer of Scott Rees & Co. in Skelmersdale.

The scheme at Dickinson Parker Hill helped raise £11,000 for Derian House Children's Hospice, while Scott Rees & Co.collected £3,311.

Shirley Marsland, Will Aid campaign manager, said: "Will Aid has made such a real and positive difference to those in need of a hand up over the years.

"This would not have been achieved without the hard work of our enthusiastic solicitors and the generosity of the clients they have helped to make a will.

"I would like to thank all the solicitors and will–makers in this area who took part and donated so much. I am constantly amazed by the support that solicitors give to the scheme and the work that they put into it to raise such an impressive amount.

"The participating charities are really grateful for the life–changing work this makes possible."

The Will Aid scheme will run again in November 2015 and solicitors in this area who would like to take part are welcome to do so.

For more information about how to take part visit www.willaid.org.uk or phone 0300 0300 013.

A call out for new trustees
Come along on 29th May 10 – 12 to our project base at 14- 16 Westgate, WN8 8AZ

Skelmersdale Community Food Initiative is looking to recruit some new trustees to our board. We are looking for people to support our vision of providing health information in a practical and effective way, giving individuals opportunities to help them make informed choices. We provide high quality, confidential and interactive support to a variety of individuals within Skelmersdale and West Lancashire.

A firmly established project within Skelmersdale and West Lancashire since 2003 we want to secure our impact and future by recruiting new trustees to help take SCFI to the next level of becoming a robust and productive organisation.

We have 7 paid staff along with 11 volunteers with established relationships within the voluntary and health sectors.

We deliver a range of cooking, health and wellbeing programmes, sessions and events and we pride ourselves on our practical and engaging approach that encourages individuals and groups to reflect on their own situations and make the necessary changes they may need to improve their own lives.

We are looking for at least 3 new trustees to help:
•Safeguard our long-term future and ensure high standards of governance
•Work well with fellow board members and the Manager
•Work with a newly formed board structure that allows specific areas of interest and skill to be utilised
•Be a positive advocate for the work and programmes that SCFI create and deliver

We would want our new trustees to have:
•A deep respect and belief in the effectiveness of prevention in areas of health and wellbeing
•An understanding (or a willingness to learn) of the needs and demands of a small charity in 2015
•A skill that would be transferable from any walk of life i.e.: business, HR, financial or health backgrounds

We would be hoping that candidates who meet the criteria would be appointed after our own recruitment procedures are carried out by the end of June subject to satisfactory references.

What is in it for you?
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If you have the time, enthusiasm, skills and knowledge to commit to us then take a moment to look at our website www.scfi.org.uk and come along on Friday morning 29th May from 10 until 12.00 for an opportunity to learn more about us and meet the other board members, staff and volunteers.

Alternatively, if you can't get to the event on 29th May then please contact the office for and speak to the Manager, Deirdre Mitten on 01695 720555 or email: scfi@btopenworld.com for more information

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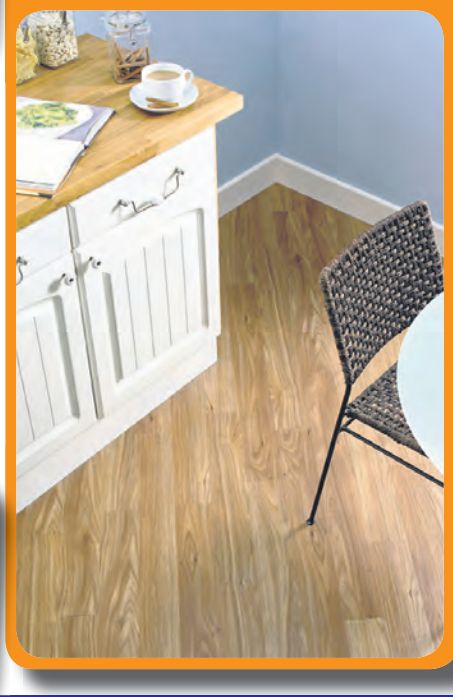

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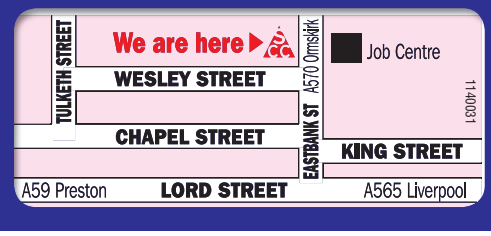

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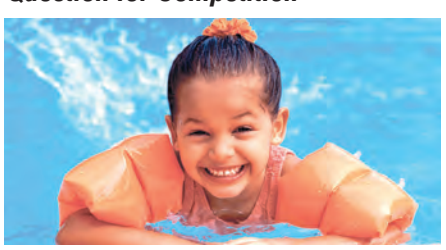

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Former shop staff have compensation bid rejected after EU court ruling

... but campaigners fight for law change

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

FORMER Woolworths and Ethel Austin shop workers who were employed in stores which had 20 or less staff have had their case for redundancy compensation thrown out.

The Court of Justice of the European Union rejected union Usdaw's case for such employees to be included in the protective awards agreement.

Both Ethel Austin and Woolworths had stores in Aughton Street, Ormskirk before they ceased trading.

Ethel Austin closed its operations in January 2013 while Woolworths went into administration in 2009.

With the fight now over for Woolworths and Ethel Austin workers, Usdaw is now turning its attention to seeking a change in the law to protect future redundant workers from suffering the same injustice.

John Hannett, Usdaw general secretary, said: "This decision marks the end of the road for our members from Woolworths and Ethel Austin seeking justice and they are heartbroken by the verdict.

"Our case is morally and logically robust, this verdict is a kick in the teeth. It is unfair and makes no sense that workers in stores of less than 20 employees were denied compensation, whereas their colleagues in larger stores did qualify for the award.

"These were mass redundancy situations where one central decision was made to close the whole company down, with no individual analysis of the viability of each store on a case–by–case basis."

• In 2012, 24,000 former staff of Woolworths were awarded compensation worth 60 days' pay because the stores had been closed without consultation after the 815–strong chain collapsed during the financial crisis four years earlier.

Under UK law, workers in smaller stores are excluded from an obligation to consult over redundancies and so they did not qualify for the pay–out.

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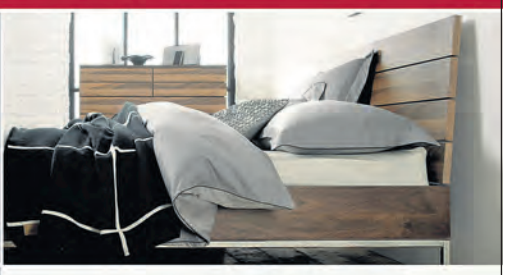

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Skipper fires St Bede's to borough cup triumph

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St Bede's faced Tarleton Academy in a keenly–contested final staged at Glenburn Sports College in Skemersdale.

Trailing 1–0 at the interval, the St Anne's Road, Ormskirk school squad managed to turn the game around after the break.

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Sue takes a lighter look at life

AN award–winning poet and former local journalist has published her latest book.

Sue Gerrard, who wrote about entertainment for the defunct Ormskirk Star newspaper in the 1980s, has released 'Monkey Nuts and Mayem', described as a humorous collection of cautionary tales.

Containing 16 poems, the book is a departure from St Helens–based Sue's usual genre of ghost and horror stories. It is her eighth poetry book and she has also written three local history books, a collection of ghost stories and a novella.

A former winner of the Ormskirk Writers and Literary Society's Adrian Cowell Special Award for poetry, the 60–year–old is poet in residence at Victoria Park, St Helens and formerly held a similar post at St Helens College where she lectured in creative writing.

Sue's poems have been broadcast on local radio and she regularly gives readings of her work at arts festivals throughout the region.

She has appeared at the prestigious Edinburgh Fringe Festival with the National Poetry Society and has also been invited to perform at the Poetry Society Cafe at Covent Garden, London later this summer.

She said: "I normally write and perform ghost and horror stories but I realised that over the years I had got quite a collection of humorous poetry so I decided it was time for a change.

"I did wonder how people used to reading or listening to my ghost stories would react but my concerns were unfounded as there was plenty of laughter at the book's launch in Rainford."

• 'Monkey Nuts and Mayhem: a humorous collection of Cautionary Tales' is priced £5 (plus 75p p&p) and is available from good bookshops or directly from Sue via her website suegerrardwriter.wordpress.com/ or by email at suegerrard254@btinternet .com.

Cheers! Wine Guys raise a toast to pensioner's gift

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THREE local students who set up their own society with the aim of "taking the snobbery" out of wine appreciation and learning more about wines have been given a boost following an appeal in the Champion – thanks to a big–hearted pensioner.

The trio of 18–year–olds – Will Church from Ormskirk, Patrick Hagerty from Newburgh and Tom Hutchinson from Southport – set up the The Wine Guys seeking to educate themselves and other young adults, about the variety of wines available and to encourage responsibe drinking.

Now, in response to their plea for help in the Champion last month, they have been contacted by a pensioner from Ormskirk who has offered to donate her late husband's cherished wine–making equipment to the group.

Former Ormskirk Hospital nurse, Mary Wynne, 91, spotted the article and phoned Will offering the lads the equipment plus notes and recipes collected by her husband Frank.

Will Church said: "Soon after the Champion article ran we received a phone call from Mary Wynne, whose late husband, Frank, had also been a wine enthusiast.

"She wanted us to have Frank's wine–making equipment and some recipes, along with Frank's added notes, for us to try out for ourselves.

"Mary is a remarkable lady who worked at Ormskirk Hospital for 70 years and married

Will Church with Mary Wynne Code NA

railway engineer Frank 65 years ago this year. While chatting we learned that she's to become a great–grandmother this year.

"Her kind donations will be tried out by The Wine Guys in the coming weeks and we'll be sure to share any results with Mary.

"She also told us Frank made some notes on a lovely perry, which we are really looking forward to trying out."

Meanwhile the lads, all students at Merchant Taylors School, Crosby, have launched a Twitter account, @thewineguys1, to keep their 700–plus followers updated with tips, advice and specific recommendations.

Edge Hill academic's study reveals positive impacts of 'group gaming'

ONLINE gamers feel better if they have joined a group, a report by an Edge Hill University academic has revealed.

Dr Linda Kaye presented her report at the annual conference of the British Psychology Society held in Liverpool.

She found that identifying with a specific group of online gamers, such those who play Football Manager, can help gamers' overall feelings of psychological wellbeing.

In the study 349 Football Manager players (98.9 per cent male with average age of 24 years old) completed online questionnaires about their social identity as gamers, quality of friendships with other players, self–esteem and psychological wellbeing.

Analysis showed that identifying with a specific online gaming group was positively associated with players' psychological wellbeing.

Dr Kaye said: "Digital gaming research has largely focused on the negative outcomes of the activity. This study demonstrates the positive impact that gamers can experience by being part of a wider social group and how games serve a positive function and platform for these experiences."

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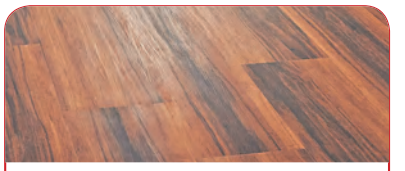

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Salute to county's veterans at special VE Day commemoration

County Councillor Darren Clifford, champion for Armed Forces and Veterans, County Councillor Kevin Ellard, chairman of Lancashire County Council and vice Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, Colonel Alan Jolley pictured with veterans, cadets, other guests and members of staff.

A SPECIAL VE Day commemoration event was held at County Hall, Preston to honour war veterans from across Lancashire.

This year marks 70 years since VE Day, which marked the end of the second world war in Europe.

Guests were greeted by young armed forces cadets who saluted the veterans before escorting them into the event.

A menu was served using recipes from the 1930s and 40s, along with some musical favourites played by The Albie Hilton Quartet, including some wartime classics.

Many of the staff were dressed in outfits similar to ones seen during wartime including land girls, a housewife, nurse and a Lindy Hopper.

The event was hosted by the chairman of Lancashire County Council, Kevin Ellard, who was joined by senior representatives from the county council, as well as the vice Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, Colonel Alan Jolley, and County Councillor Darren Clifford, the champion for armed forces and veterans.

Kevin Ellard said: "These ladies and gentlemen served their country during World War Two and its right that we should take time to remember what they did.

"Many Lancastrians gave their lives during the war and didn't see VE Day, so we should take a moment to remember everyone who served their country.

"It's now 70 years on from VE Day but their courage and sacrifice during that time remains a shining example to each and every generation."

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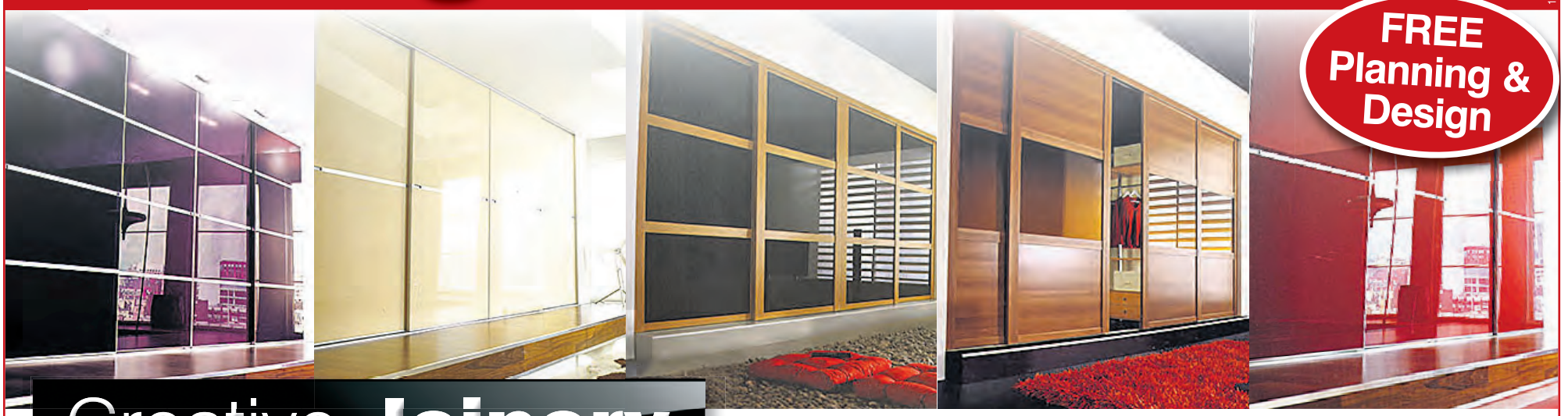
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Staff and residents at Stocks Hall care home enjoying the traditional May Day celebrations

Care home marks May Day festival in the time–honoured fashion

STAFF and residents at a West Lancs care home home celebrated May Day in traditional style.

The Stocks Hall residential care home in Nursery Avenue, Ormskirk marked the spring festival with an afternoon of music and dancing.

Wearing their festival attire of flowered headpieces, the lively bunch enjoyed an afternoon of traditional maypole dancing as residents weaved their colourful streamers around the pole in time–honoured fashion.

Manager of the home, Gel Ball, said: "Dancing around the maypole is a tradition that has lasted through the ages and it was wonderful to see everyone having such a good time, smiling and enjoying themselves.

"Here at Stocks Hall we aim to provide the kindest care and fun for residents and memorable activities such as this are an important part of that."

Constabulary hosts charity football tournament

LANCASHIRE Constabulary hosted the annual Police Sport UK Ladies Football Tournament in aid of the Cardiac Risk in the Young charity which helps to save young lives by raising money for free heart scans.

As well as the hosts, Cheshire, Essex, Scotland West, Merseyside, West Midlands, Northumbria and the Metropolitan Police all fielded teams with sides playing each other once and the top two going head–to–head in the final.

The Lancashire squad started well, winning their first three matches, but needing to beat Northumbra in their last game to have a chance of making the final they went down 1–0 to finish fourth overall. West Midlands were the eventual winners

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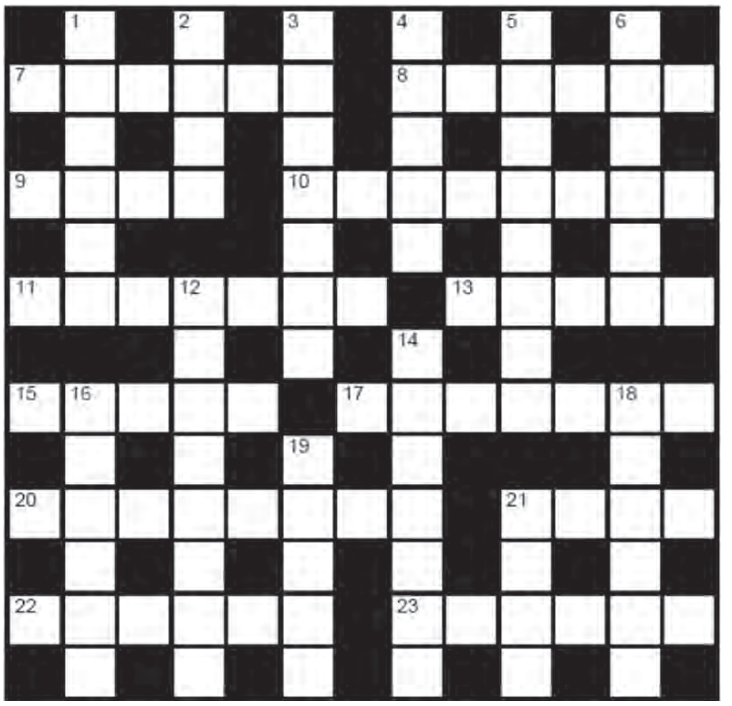

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Across: 7 Unfair. 8 Meagre. 9 Cede. 10 Withdraw. 11 Trooper. 13 Oldie. 15 Strew. 16 Newness. 18 Dipstick. 19 Lake. 21 Decree. 22 Angora.

Down: 1 Ante. 2 Made to measure. 3 Crowded. 4 Smite. 5 Daddy longlegs. 6 Break-ins. 12 Retailer. 14 Weekday. 17 Fixed. 20 Kerb.

ACROSS

7 Adventurous (6)
8 Yearly (6)
9 The cannabis plant, especially when grown for fibre (4)
10 Display conspicuously (8)
11 Valuable old object (7)
13 Secretly store, cache (5)
15 Voluptuous (5)
17 Indicator (7)
20 Decline in economic activity (8)
21 1970s Swedish supergroup (4)
22 Large, tusked marine mammal (6)
23 Bone at the base of the spine (6)

DOWN

1 Cotton fabric woven like satin with a glossy surface (6)
2 Walk lamely (4)
3 Type of rock formed by cooling and solidification of magma or lava (7)
4 Jewish scholar or religious leader (5)
5 Disconnect (8)
6 Well-known (6)
12 Metallic domestic implements (8)
14 Ornamental moulding round the wall of a room just below the ceiling (7)
16 Transfer data from one computer to another (6)
18 Unborn offspring (6)
19 Large waterfowl with long neck (5)
21 Curved symmetrical structure (4)

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Celeb chef to star at Flower Show

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

CELEBRITY chef Jean–Christophe Novelli is to bring his award–winning culinary talents to the 2015 Southport Flower Show.

The French chef arrives at the resort with multiple Michelin stars and 5/5 AA Rosettes following a career which began as a baker at the age of just 14 and which has taken him to the kitchens of some of the world's leading restaurants.

Jean–Christophe, who is about to open a new restaurant in Liverpool, will perform three cookery demonstrations at the Food Village in Southport's Victoria Park on Thursday, August 20, the opening day of this year's Southport Flower Show. He will also be special guest at the Gala Preview Evening (Wednesday, August 19) and will be touring the show to meet visitors and exhibitors.

Jean–Christophe said: "I'm so excited to be making my first visit to the Southport Flower Show and I look forward to showing visitors how they can prepare fine French food for themselves, quickly and healthily.

"Throughout my career it has been my quest to challenge the misconception that French food is difficult and daunting to prepare and that will be the theme of my demonstrations at Southport along with giving tips and techniques to reduce the use of salts, sugars and fats."

Jean Christophe Novelli will appear at the Southport Flower Show Code NA

Ray Roukin, general manager at Southport Flower Show said: "Our Food Festival goes from strength to strength and we're so delighted Jean–Christophe Novelli will headline this year. We're sure he'll be a huge hit with our visitors."

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Comedy songster to appear at Burscough Wharf

SATIRICAL comedy songster Mervyn Stutter will bring his 'Utterly Stutterly' show to Burscough Wharf on Saturday (May 16) as part of a three–date tour of Lancashire.

Mervyn Stutter is an actor, comedian, scriptwriter and satirical songwriter who has performed to sell–out audiences at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, as well as working on radio, TV, theatre and cabaret.

In his show he tells stories and sings songs while poking fun at himself and the 'Baby Boomer' generation.

His shows are part of the spring programme by Spot On Lancashire the county–wide service which enables people living in remote and rural communities to enjoy live arts events on their doorstep.

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TV reports all at sea on transport

OVER the past year we've been overwhelmed by warlike anniversaries. We've had the start of the first world war and as I write this we are a day away from celebrating the end of the second – in Europe at least.

But one forgotten anniversary, also very much concerned with war, just about managed to get its 30 minutes or so of fame on our television channels – the 100th anniversary of the sinking of RMS (Royal Mail Ship) Lusitania by a single torpedo from a German U–Boat off the Old Head of Kinsale in Ireland on May 7, 1915. Yet more people were lost in that tragic sinking than on the far more celebrated – if that's the word – Titanic.

The Lusitania, on passage from New York, sank in just 20 minutes rather than the two hours or so for the Titanic. No–one to this day understands why a ship the size of the Lucy – as she was affectionately known in her home port of Liverpool – could founder as a result of just one torpedo. Certainly it is now known that she was carrying several thousands of rounds of ammunition, which should not have been on board. Even so, a huge liner, unlike the Titanic built to Admiralty specifications so she could readily be converted into an armed merchant cruiser in the event of war, simply should not really have sank at all.

But, just as the sinking of the Titanic was important in that the provision of lifeboats on large liners was vastly increased, in the case of the Lusitania, her demise, and the death of many American citizens, certainly hastened the entry of the USA into the Great War.

Anyway, I have not the space to start on the controversy about the sinking, including the theory that Winston Churchill, as First Lord of the Admiralty, deliberately made sure the Lusitania had no naval escort for the final leg of her voyage so as to achieve fury in the USA.

Instead, I'll return to a topic I've touched on before. The sloppy way TV and radio report and/or show anything connected with transport.

So just as we've had Michael Portillo stepping onto one train, sitting in and chatting in a different train altogether, and finally arriving somewhere in yet a third train, so I have noticed over the years when mention has been made of the Titanic disaster, she is usually described as a cruise ship. They managed the same completely wrong description in their initial 'taster' for their coverage of the Lusitania sinking – though to their credit this had changed to liner on the night.

In fact, neither were cruise ships. They were ocean liners. I don't think anyone had even designed a cruise ship back in the early years of the last century. But the difference still exists today. Anyone who knows of these things will tell you that while the present Queen Mary II is an ocean liner, her consorts, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth are cruise ships.

The difference is simple. It's in the design of the shape of the hull. Whereas a cruise ship is designed to maximise the space inside the hull for passengers, an ocean liner's hull is designed to withstand the rigours of winter in the North Atlantic. In other words, the liner has less useable space for its size, but is a better 'sea boat.' And no, I'm not being pedantic. They are different animals, one better at keeping holidaymakers happy, the other at cleaving its way safely in seas onto which a cruise ship would never usually venture.

And just because relatively few folk probably care, a liner is a liner is a liner. If you know one kind of train from another, or one kind of ship either, then this total wanton disregard of fact is extremely irritating, particularly on a subject as important as the safety of ships at sea.

Disease alert to dog owners

DOG owners in West Lancashire are being urged to take extra precautions when walking their pets this summer to help prevent the spread of potentially deadly disease, Alabama Rot.

The mysterious illness, which first appeared in the late 1980s in the USA, has spread to at least 18 counties in England, with 46 reported cases since December 2013. It causes skin lesions and kidney failure and can lead to death. Symptoms include lethargy, loss of appetite and vomiting.

Now Vets4Pets has launched an interactive guide to provide information on the disease at www.vets4pets.com

Huw Stacey, head of clinical services at Vets4Pets said: "The cause of Alabama Rot is still unknown and there is no known way to prevent a dog from contracting the disease. The concern among vets in the UK is that unlike America, the disease does not seem to target any specific breed.

"The first sign is normally a skin sore that isn't caused by a known injury. Most commonly these are found below the elbow or knee as a distinct swelling, a patch of red skin or are open and ulcer–like."

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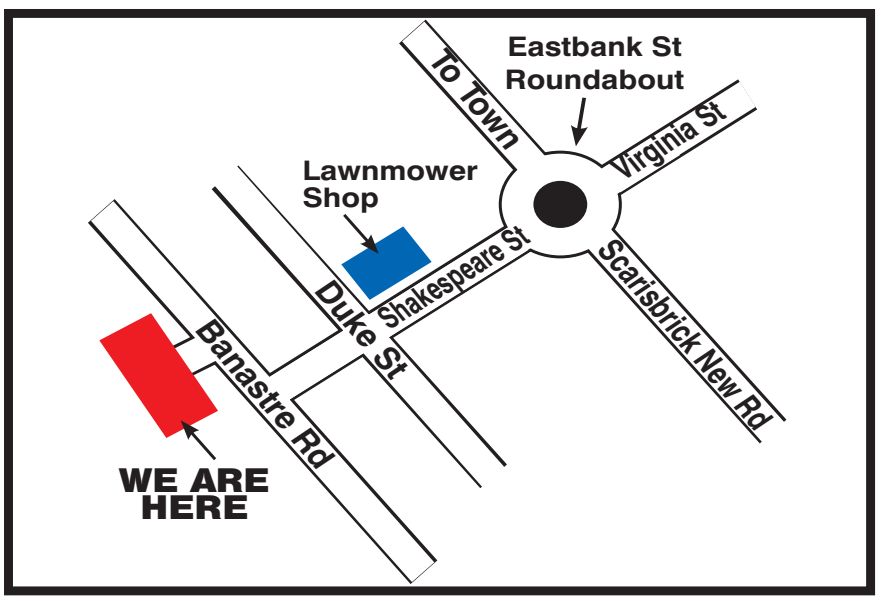

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Young dancers step up to success

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

TALENTED members of the Base Dance club in Ormskirk have been stepping out in style by recording successes in national and regional competitions.

The school's contemporary–lyrical dancer team, Company Dance Team, made up of eight dancers aged from 8 to 17 were the overall winners at the This is Midlands all–styles dance competition held in Telford, beating 70 rivals.

Chris Lloyd from the club told the Champion: "These young people worked very hard to achieve these results. They won overall school, beating more than 70 teams and hundreds of soloists.

"The team, made up of Nancy Naylor–Hayes, Megan Lloyd, Rebecca McCombe, Ellie Burrows, Vinni Crawford, Sophie Lloyd, Shannon McCaul and Shannon Gibbons, were amazing."

The club is also celebrating after two of their other teams, Remix and Aftershock, did well recently at a regional street–dance and hip–hop competition against teams from across the North–West.

Their young dance team Remix, made up of eight dancers aged from 7 to 10, came first in the street–dance category at the Calling You Out competition, held in Liverpool.

Aftershock, another team made up of 10 teenagers from the dance school came third, also in the street–dance category.

Chris Lloyd added: "Our brand new team Remix placed first in their first–ever competition.

"The Remix dancers – Sophie Bjork, Eleanor Cody, Lucy Doyle, Sophie Fisher, Katie Fisher, Thomas Heyes, Frankie Maddock, Katy McDougall Williams and Abbie Pownall – really shone but we were also really impressed with our dancers from Aftershock, who were also brilliant."

Members of the Company dance team, who won overall at the national This is Midlands competition

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Edge Hill student wins fellowship

A RESEARCH student at Edge Hill University has won a prestigious fellowship to explore the link between Gothic novel authors and their context.

PhD research student and graduate teaching assistant, Linda Friday, has won the prestigious Gale Dissertation Research Fellowship in 19th Century Media.

Her research concerns late–Victorian Gothic novels, including well–known titles such as Dracula, The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde and The Picture of Dorian Gray, alongside less popular stories.

The fellowship is organised with the help of publisher Gale, part of Cengage Learning, in support of dissertation research that makes substantial use of full–text digitized collections of 19th–century British magazines and newspapers.

Linda's dissertation will focus on 'literary mapping', comparing various novels all set in Victorian London with digital newspaper archive material about the area to look for correlations between the content of the novels and news that the writer would have accessed at the time.

She said: "I'm amazed and delighted to have been awarded this year's fellowship after being faced with stiff competition. The prize includes funding to help complete my dissertation plus a year's subscription to selected digital collections from publisher Gale including 19th Century UK Periodicals and 19th Century British Library Newspapers.

"People will have a perception of certain areas and question how accurate a novel's depiction of it is. For example, Victorian Whitechapel had a certain reputation so why would Bram Stoker have the aristocratic Count Dracula buying a house there?

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The Dolphin has been serving the Merseyside and Southport areas since the 1950s and the present owner, Rob Handley is third generation, with his daughter Rachel being the fourth generation in this successful family-run business.

Rob is proud of The Dolphin and even prouder of the new Ships Wheel.

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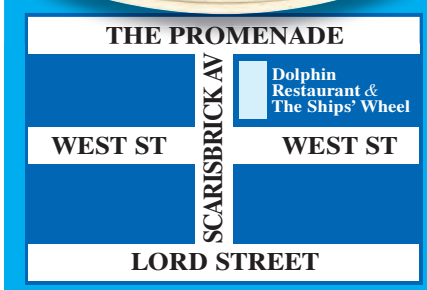

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Classic musical coming to Little Theatre next month

The cast of West Side Story **Code NA**

MAGHULL Musical Theatre Company's production of West Side Story is to explode onto Southport Little Theatre's stage from Wednesday 10 to Saturday, June 13 at 7.30pm.

The show is from the pens of Sondheim, Bernstein and Laurents, and is considered a classic.

This high energy, thought provoking musical is full of iconic songs and dance routines, such as Maria, Somewhere, America, and Officer Krupke to name but a few.

It is a love story in the wrong place at the wrong time.

There will be a Matinée on the Saturday at 2.15pm.

For tickets until June 2 telephone Betty or Graham on 01695 632 372, (9am–5pm).

For tickets from Wednesday, June 3 telephone Little Theatre Box Office on 01704 530 521 (11am– 5pm).

Group looking for new home

Report by **Henry James**

AFTER two years performing in their Studio Theatre, Upstairs at Disraeli's, the final curtain has come down on Ormskirk Theatre Company's venue and they need a new home in which to perform.

After being out–priced on hire charges at the Civic Hall three years ago, OTC were offered asylum at Disraeli's in Ormskirk.

They managed to convert the disused room upstairs into what critics acclaimed as 'a gem of a little theatre'.

OTC volunteers cleaned, painted, sewed and sweated to create a space worthy of being called a theatre and opened their doors for the first time for The Anastasia Files in April 2013.

Over the last two years they have performed to an ever increasing audience and have been nominated for many awards and even won some of them, not least of all for best actress, best actor, best supporting actor, best director and best set design, to name but a few. So successful was this venture that other theatre groups and artists have also used it as a venue.

Now, however, Disraeli's is under new management. Although this versatile theatre group have enjoyed a very accommodating and collaborative relationship with the new owners, they have to move on as the brewery, Marstons, want to expand their entertainment into the upstairs room, turning it into a Night Lounge for their clientèle.

OTC is asking residents for help. "Ideally we would like to remain in Ormskirk." says Pat Baker of OTC. "We would be very grateful for any suggestions or offers but it would be lovely if we could find somewhere we can call our own."

If you can help at all, contact Pat Baker on 07563 724814 or email koala5463@gmail.com.

Ormskirk theatre company **Code NA**

This was a 'glorious' production in every sense of the word

Review by **Ron Ellis**

- Glorious by Peter Quilter
- Southport Dramatic Club
- Little Theatre, Southport

READING the blurb before the show, I wasn't hopeful. The story of a woman who thinks she can sing, when she can't, becomes a laughing stock yet ends up selling out Carnegie Hall? I know how she feels. People have said that about my singing all my life but it has never stopped me making records.

Yet this was actually a glorious show in every sense of the word. For a start, for all their undoubted eccentricity, all six characters were interesting and came across as very nice people.

The night before, I'd seen Witches of Eastwick peopled with mostly unpleasant characters who you'd not want to spend any time with, and the difference was startling.

Furthermore, every member of the Glorious cast gave a superb performance.

The dramatic set, with its backdrop of sheets of music and superb displays of flowers, was outstanding, as were the flamboyant costumes and the innovative screen at the back of the stage showing the venues in bygone America.

Kathy Felton–Aksoy as Florence. c. Graham Fletcher–Hill **Code NA**

Plus, of course, the music; songs by Strauss, Bizet and Mozart with piano accompaniment by Tom Kimmance.

As Florence Foster–Jenkins, Kathy Felton–Aksoy performed superbly and made the heroine into a very sympathetic figure, deluded though she may have been about her singing abilities.

John Sharp put in a marvellous over–the–top cameo as the ageing roué, St. Clair.

Rod McGregor demonstrated a wide range of comic expressions as camp pianist Cosmé McMoon while Jacquie Wade shone as Florence's friend, Dorothy, constantly trying to escape the wandering hands of St. Clair while attending to the needs of her immobile poodle, Ricky.

Ann Richards did a lovely comic turn as the Spanish/Mexican speaking maid, Maria, and Elaine Cox excelled as the haughty Mrs. Verrinder–Gedge who is out to denounce Florence.

Peter Quilter's script was full of witty one–liners. "He's a Friend of Dorothy," smiled St. Clair, pointedly referring to Cosmo, a reference not lost on the audience who were kept chuckling throughout the evening.

It was yet another triumph for the show's director, the indefatigable Stephen Hughes–Alty.

The finale of Florence's concert at Carnegie Hall was a fitting climax to the play and a fine ending to what has been an outstanding season for the SDC with, still to come in June, the Bar Production of Kings and Queens.

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Imagine Theatre, one of the country's top pantomime producers, made their Southport debut last year with the magical tale, Sleeping Beauty and are returning to present this year's show.

Steve Boden, managing director of Imagine Theatre, said: "We really enjoyed our first year in Southport last year. Both the team at the venue and the audiences were great and we are looking forward to coming back for a second year with a spectacular show that we are sure everyone will love.

"Aladdin is a fantastic tale, full of adventure and romance, and the panto has the added element of traditional slapstick humour. As with last year's show there will be some spectacular song and dance numbers and great special effects.

"We are currently working on the casting, so more on that will follow in the next couple of months."

After the success of last year's production it is recommended that you book early to ensure the performances and seats you would prefer.

The show runs from Friday, December 11 to Saturday, January 2 and tickets are on sale now.

For more information or to book tickets call 0844 871 3021or visit www.atgtickets.com/southport

Meanwhile award winning Jazz vocalist & songwriter Gregory Porter will be performing for one night only tonight (Wednesday, May 13), 7.30pm at Southport Theatre.

Porter won the 2014 Grammy for best jazz vocal album, Liquid Spirit.

At the start of 2010, the buzz about Los Angeles–born and now Brooklyn–based jazz/soul vocalist Gregory Porter was a strong, steady murmur, fuelled by a growing crowd of fans who'd caught his performance in the Tony and Drama Desk Award–nominated Broadway hit, It Ain't Nothin' but the Blues, or his weekly stints at a Harlem club.

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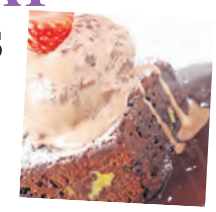

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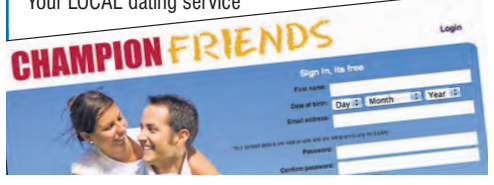

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Jennie Ball

The family of the late Jennie Ball wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, neighbours and friends for their kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement. Also for the cards, flowers and donations to Queens Court Hospice. Thanks to Lyndale Nursing Home for their care and kindness. Also thanks to Rev. David Towler for a comforting service and to the staff at H. Johnson & Sons of Banks for funeral arrangements.

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DEATHS

Thompson Henry Archie (Harry)

May 1st 2015

in hospital aged 90 years.

Will be sadly missed by Philomena, Kathy, Gill and Stuart and all who knew and loved him.

Service and Cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Friday May 15th at 10am.

Family flowers only please. All enquiries to McCallum and Tritton and Sons, 46 Mersey View, Brighton le Sands L22 6QB. Tel 0151 9312002

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DEATHS

Rathbone Irene Margaret (Auntie Renee)

Passed away suddenly on the 27th April 2015

Aged 83 years

Will be sadly missed by Chris and Bev, Paul and Alison, Caroline and Stuart, Sean and Gemma and all family and friends. Funeral service to take place at St Stephens Church, Banks on Friday 15th May at 11am followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Help For Heroes. Further enquiries and donations to H Johnson & Sons Funeral Directors, 1a Ralphe's Wife's Lane, Banks, PR9 8ER. Tel: 01704 227067.

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DEATHS

Sumner Joe

Died peacefully on 1st May 2015

Aged 88

Sadly missed by daughter Carla, son-in-law William, grandchildren Lee, Nicholas and Jane

Reunited with his wife Margaret

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IN MEMORIAM

Anthony O'Neill

13th May 2011

4 years have passed

To some you may be forgotten,
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Your loving Mum, daughter and family
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MARRIAGES

Suzanne Instone and Darren Hill

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11th May 2015

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DEATHS

BOND MARION BEATRICE

9th May 2015
Aged 95 years

Peacefully in her sleep in Elm House Nursing Home after a long illness. Beloved wife of the late Richard, loving mother of Keith and the late William, much loved mother-in-law to Sheila, devoted nan to Wayne, Mark, Hannah, Diane, Lynda and Paula, great-nan to Lauren, Natalie, Samuel, Olivia and Emily, great-great nan to Mollie-Mae and Edward, always a friend to Joy. Marion will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service at St. Stephen's Church, Banks on Tuesday 19th May at 1:30pm followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations are being gratefully received for British Heart Foundation. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

Matthews (Cananball) John

7th May 2015

Passed away in Southport Hospital aged 75 years

Loving Husband to Vera, Dear Father to Denis, John, Linda & Carl. Beloved Grandfather to his Grandchildren and Great Grandson. John will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Helens Crematorium on Tuesday 19th May 2015 at 3.30pm. Family flowers only by request please. Donations if desired are being gratefully received by the family on behalf of The Stroke Association. Further enquiries please to Co-operative Funeralcare, 22c Wigan Road, Ormskirk L39 2AU. Tel: 01695 577244

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DEATHS

Mason Ronald (Ron)

On 3rd May 2015

Peacefully in hospital Aged 86 years

Beloved husband of Marjorie, much loved dad, grandad and brother. Ron will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and neighbours. Funeral service will take place today (Wednesday 13th May) at St. Pauls Church at 1.15pm followed by committal at St.Helens Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for St. Pauls Church c/o the family. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868

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DEATHS

Hilton Adele Rosalie

April 30th 2015

aged 53 years.

Loving daughter of Rose and Syd. Devoted Mum of Michael and Craig, mother-in-law of Lyndsay and Sue, cherished nan of Michael, Lexie and Millie Rose (together again). Wonderful sister of Heather, sister-in-law to Neil and much loved auntie to Peter and Rebecca. What she suffered she told so few, she did not deserve what she went through, tired and weary she made no fuss, but tried so hard to stay with us. Funeral service and interment will take place at St Paul's Church on Thursday 14th May at 10am. Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for Alder Hey Childrens Hospital. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy lane. Tel: 01695 559868

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DEATHS

LUDLOW ANNE

7th May 2015
Aged 63 years

Peacefully at home with her family by her side

Loving wife of David, much loved mother of Neil and Gillian, sadly missed by all her family and friends.
A Service to Celebrate Anne's Life will be held at Emmanuel Parish Church on Friday 15th May at 11:00 am. Donations are being gratefully received in lieu of flowers for Clatterbridge Cancer Charity. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Tel: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

Smith John Rodney

Born 1944
Died 3rd May 2015
in Woking Surrey

Formerly of Moorfield Rd, Crosby and ex Waterloo Grammer School pupil.
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APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/0408/FUL Erection of two buildings for use for agricultural storage and agricultural workshop purposes and as a single car domestic garage (retrospective) at Andersons Farm, Philip Drive, Halsall.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2015/0424/FUL Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar arrays to provide ~5MWp generation capacity together with transformer stations; internal access track; electricity sub-station; landscaping; fencing; security measures; access gate; and ancillary infrastructure at Land To The West Of, Back Lane, Aughton.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.
Application No: 2015/0425/FUL Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar arrays to provide ~5MWp generation capacity together with transformer stations; internal access track; electricity sub-station; landscaping; fencing; security measures; access gate; and ancillary infrastructure at Land To The Rear Of Old Waggoners Cottage, Formby Lane, Aughton.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/0405/FUL Two storey side and rear extension. Detached garage at 35 Beech Road, Aughton.
Application No: 2015/0410/FUL First floor en suite rear extension built off existing bathroom at 24 Cobbs Brow Lane, Newburgh.
Application No: 2015/0441/COU Change of use from hotel to two dwellings at Douglas Valley Hotel, 8 Station Road, Parbold.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Assistant Director Planning
Dated: 13th May 2015
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West Lancashire Borough Council
Development in the Green Belt Supplementary Planning Document
Affordable Housing SPD
The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 – Regulations 12 and 13

The Borough Council has prepared two Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs), one in relation to development within the Green Belt and one in relation to affordable housing. The proposed SPDs do not vary national or Local Plan policy, but add a local interpretation of, and further detail to, such policy.

The Council is inviting comments on the draft SPDs between **Thursday 14 May and Friday 26 June 2015**. Comments should be submitted in writing by post or email or using the comments form provided by the Council, and must be received no later than 5pm on Friday 26 June 2015.

The Draft SPDs can be viewed on the Borough Council's website at: www.westlancs.gov.uk. Copies of the documents and comment forms will also be made available at the Borough Council offices at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, and at the Customer Service Point, Skelmersdale, on Mondays to Fridays 9am to 5pm (4.45pm Fridays), and at public libraries across the Borough during their normal opening hours. Paper copies of the SPDs may be purchased from the Council for a charge.

Further information is available from the West Lancashire Borough Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, West Lancashire, L39 2DF, or by calling the Strategic Planning & Implementation Team on 01695 585284, or by emailing: localplan@westlancs.gov.uk

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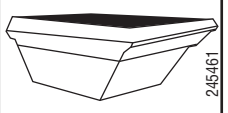
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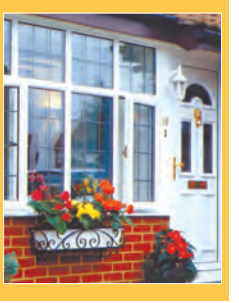

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Life On Cars
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Our motoring correspondent has waited 20 years to get a go in one of these. Code NA

FORGET swimming with dolphins or selfies in front of the Taj Mahal. Surely the ultimate red letter day has to be driving your favourite car.

That's why I switched my excitement level to giddy schoolboy setting when I was finally told I'd be getting a go in my ultimate 'bedroom wall' car. Over the years I've been lucky enough to drive Ferraris and Lotuses to Rolls–Royces and Jaguars, but with the notable exception of the E–type none of those were Blu–tacked proudly above my desk when I was eight years old.

That particular honour, in fact, went to something built just over the water in Blackpool using some Rover V8s and a never–ending supply of glassfibre. That's why I've spent the last 20 years just itching to get a go in a TVR Griffith.

I love this car because it had that wonderfully British underdog quality. It was a sinuously styled two–seater which in the early Nineties had the ability to embarrass the Ferrari 348 and the Porsche 911, despite costing about half the price. It had a tuned version of my favourite engine – if you can't imagine what a bored out Rover V8 sounds like, just imagine a thunderstorm with the volume doubled. It was the car that put a tiny Lancashire manufacturer on the map.

Naturally, being given the keys to one was like being told your complimentary first class British Airways tickets to New York have landed through the letterbox or that Michelle Keegan's waiting in the bar for you. The moment the V8's rumble turned into an almighty bellow and lunged towards the horizon is a motoring highlight I'll never forget.

The good news is that in this day and age your automotive fantasies can quite easily become realities. As long as it isn't anything ultra rare or hand–crafted from unobtainium – if it's a Ferrari 250 GTO or a Porsche 959, for instance – there are companies more than happy to lend you your object of motoring desire.

Getting a go in a Gallardo or a 458 Italia is as easy as popping into WH Smith and buying one of those supercar trackday experience packages. If, like me, it's the older treasures you're into, there are plenty of firms out there who'll happily lend you a classic – I am, for instance, looking into one at the moment who'll lend my dad a Triumph TR6.

Whatever you do, if you do have a car that was on your bedroom wall when you were a kid, don't leave it gathering your dust on that bucket list you haven't started yet. Go out, do it, and enjoy it.

Sadly, if it was Farrah Fawcett or Diana Rigg on your bedroom wall, I can't help you – that's a very different column for a very different publication!

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Report by David Simister

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They'll be followed the BMW 1–series range and 2–series Coupé.

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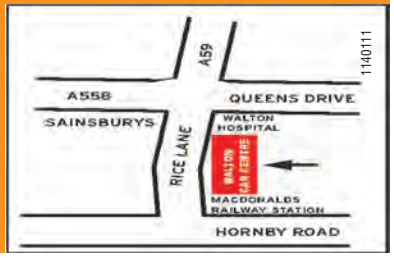

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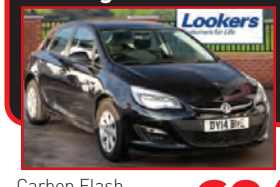

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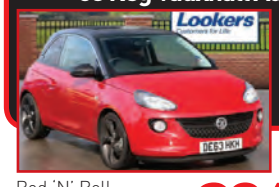

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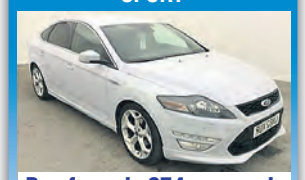

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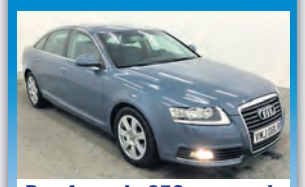

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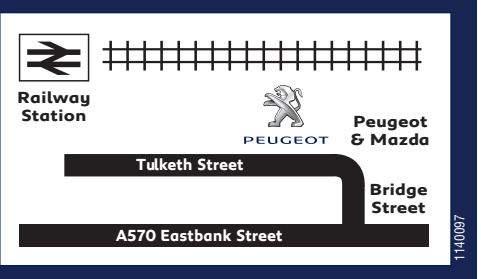

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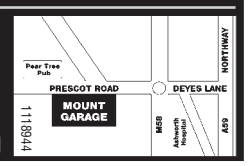

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Purser puts paid to national cup hopes

ORMSKIRK were defeated at Bootle in a thrilling Royal London National Champion–ship clash on Sunday after an exciting and high quality game which went right down to the final over.

Craig Prince invited the visitors to bat first whereupon Ormskirk found runs difficult to come by, especially when faced with Will Purser whose spell earned him figures of 5–15 from nine overs.

The innings was held together by Ian Robinson's patient 69 made from 114 balls and Ormskirk had to settle for 160–8.

Bootle, in their turn, did not find conditions easy but David Snellgrove played an impressive innings of 86 which kept his team abreast of the asking rate of 3.58 per over and which took them to within five runs of the target when he was dismissed.

The captain and Chris Stenhouse did the rest and Bootle won by three wickets with six balls remaining.

Skelmersdale match washed out

SKELMERSDALE Cricket Club's Second Division match at Sutton (St Helens) on Saturday was abandoned due to rain. Skelmersdale are currently ninth in the table after three matches. They host Wavertree on Saturday.

Currency and Caunce share 8 wickets as Ormskirk crush S&B

DEFENDING Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division champions Ormskirk beat Southport & Birkdale by seven wickets at Trafalgar Road on Saturday after the hosts were asked to bat and collapsed from 32–1 to 64 all out.

They lost their last four wickets for no runs, with Dane Currency 4–11 and Nick Caunce 4–24 the chief destroyers with the ball,*writes Glenn Wallworth.*

In reply, Scott Lees took a couple of early wickets including John Armstrong off the very first delivery, but two unbeaten knocks from Andy Baybutt 25* and skipper Matty Glayzer 22* guided Ormskirk to the top of the table on 65–3.

Formby hosted and beat Highfield by 126 runs, thanks in the main to Lancashire and England spinner Stephen Parry who hit an unbeaten 106 and shared a 158 run fifth wicket partnership with his skipper Ian Cockbain (72) in the host's 229–6 dec total, with Andrew Hewitt taking 4–34. In reply, Parry 4–11 and Nottinghamshire's Gary Keedy 4–46 then helped spin the visitors out for 103 to send Formby up to third in the table.

Northern were held to draw at home to Wallasey, the hosts reached 198–8 dec in 54.5 overs, with Liam Grey 57 and skipper James Cole 54 scoring half centuries, whilst Chris Bourne took 3–41. In reply, the visitors held on for the draw on 159–9 thanks to an unbeaten 38 from Bourne, with Ryan Maddock 3–17 and Stephen Cole 3–19 the pick of the bowlers.

Maghull had their lead at the top of the First Division cut to one point after suffering a 104 run defeat at home to Colwyn Bay. The visitors chose to bat and declared after 47 overs on 220–6, thanks largely to Jordan Evans (110 inc 9x4 & 5x6) and Sion Morris with 42, whilst Liam Crilly took 3–68. In reply, the hosts were dismissed for 116 with Samed Fallah claiming 5–47.

Ainsdale moved up to mid–table with a 42 run win at Newton le Willows, put in to bat the visitors declared after 54.3 overs on 190–5, thanks to valuable runs from Mark Lucas 52, Kyle Marshall 47 and skipper Andy Barlow 40. In reply an excellent 6–56 from spinner Adam Friar then helped dismiss the hosts for 148.

Fleetwood Hesketh suffered their second total wash out of the season at St Helens.

This weekend's local LDCC fixtures (1pm): Bootle v Formby, Highfield v Northern, Ormskirk v Birkenhead Park, Wallasey v Southport & Birkdale, Ainsdale v Wigan, Fleetwood Hesketh v Rainford, Prestatyn v Maghull, Alder v Burscough and Hightown St Mary's v Spring View.

Burscough top Second Division after they make it three wins out of three

BURSCOUGH sit on top of the table in the Liverpool Competition Second Division after making it three wins out of three with a 124 run home win over Parkfield Liscard.

The hosts' total of 190–7 declared was built around 83 from Ryan Hughes, 31 from Lee Berrie and 26 from Michael Bimpson, with Inderdip Singh taking 4–58.

In reply, Jon Stone 3–10, Jack Cosgrove 3–13 and 3–18 from skipper Rob Glaysher rolled the visitors for just 66, with Sadrey Orlando Depieza the only man to make double figures with an undefeated 35*.

Hightown St Mary's suffered a narrow one wicket defeat at Old Xaverians, Kamran Hussain 31 and Jim Kelly 20 top scored in the visitor's lowly total of 91, with Mark Doyle taking 5–12.

In reply 5–33 from Kelly and 3–28 from Hussian wasn't quite enough as the hosts managed to reach 92–9 to seal a hard–fought victory.

Skem players pick up awards as chairman hails 'special night'

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

SKELMERSDALE United held its presentation night on Friday night with the Liverpool County FA Senior Cup proudly on display at a packed social club.

Among the players honoured were Valtar Fernandes who won the Supporters Player of the Year award; Alan Burton who was the Manager's Player of the Year; Rob McIntosh who was Players' Player of the Year and Danny Mitchley who was Top Goalscorer.

The youth team were presented after their successful season in which they have picked up a brace of trophies

Entertainment was provied by local singer and funny man Paul McCoy.

Skelmersdale chairman Paul Griffiths said: "It was a tremendous evening and was especially good to see so many supporters here to thank the players and the staff for the hard work they have put in this season.

"It was great that they have had a chance to get their hands on the Liverpool Senior Cup and I must make a special thank you for the quality of entertainment put on by Paul McCoy.

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